

REMARKS

The Examiner's communication dated December 6, 2004 has been received and carefully considered. In conformance with the applicable statutory requirements, this paper constitutes a complete reply and/or a bona fide attempt to advance the application to allowance. Specifically, claim 20 has been amended. Reexamination and/or reconsideration of the application as amended are respectfully requested.

Summary of the Office Action

The specification was noted as using the trademark TEFLON.

Claim 20 was objected to for a minor informality.

Claims 1-6, 8-13 and 15-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Latvis et al. (US 5,734,148) in view of Radtke (US 2004/0178182).

Claims 7 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Latvis et al. in view of Radtke, and in further view of Dean (US 6,095,574).

The Claims Distinguish Patentability Over the Reference(s) of Record

Claim 1 calls for an electric arc engine welder to include a track member defining at least one slot along a longitudinal extent thereof, two hooks connected to a door and received in the at least one slot and two notches defined in the track member and connected to the at least one slot. The Examiner asserts that Latvis et al. discloses a plurality of slots 44 and track members 39,43 mounted to a housing, such that the track members are provided with two pairs of notches (slots 47,49) adapted to receive tabs/clips on respective doors/panels. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's interpretation of Latvis et al. and asserts that Latvis et al. fails to disclose a track member defining at least one slot and two notches defined in the track member and connected to the at least one slot. Moreover, claim 1 calls for the two notches to be spaced apart from one another a second distance that is different than a first distance spacing apart the two hooks.

The Examiner appears to be using the slots 44,47,49 as the at least one slot called for in claim 1, as well as the two notches called for in claim 1. In contrast to Latvis et al., claim 1 calls for the two notches to be connected to the at least one slot, i.e., the two notches are separate and distinct from the at least one slot, though they are connected to the at least one slot. With reference to Figures 3 and 4 of Latvis et al., a first horizontal ledge 43 includes a plurality of slots 44, whereas a second horizontal

edge 39 includes similar, corresponding slots 47,49. There is no disclosure or fair suggestion of notches that are connected to at least one slot. As supported by the disclosure, the notches of claim 1 allow the door to be removed from the housing. Moreover, the two notches being spaced apart a second distance that is different than a first distance of spacing between the two hooks allows only a single hook of the two hooks to be removed from one of the notches at a time. With specific reference to Figure 3, Latvís et al. discloses slots 47 for a first door and slots 49 for a second door. The slots 47 are spaced apart a same distance as a pair of clips 69 of the first door. Likewise, the slots 49 are spaced apart a same distance as clips 69 of the second door.

Radtke fails to correct this deficiency. The Examiner asserts that Radtke discloses removable panels having hooks 38 that are removably placed in slots 34. In the combination of Latvís et al. and Radtke, there is still no disclosure of two notches connected to at least one slot wherein the two notches are spaced apart from one another a second distance that is different than a first distance spacing apart two hooks connected to a door. For at least these reasons, it is submitted that claim 1 and claims 2-9 dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Applicant would like to highlight the limitation(s) of **claim 3** calling for the track member to be oriented such that a longitudinal extent thereof is generally horizontal and the two notches are positioned above the at least one slot. Again, specific structural/special relationships are included in claim 3 that are not supported by the Examiner's application of Latvís et al. The Examiner appears to be using the slots of Latvís et al. as the at least one slot of claim 1 and the two notches of claim 1. Thus, the limitations of claim 3 further emphasize the distinctions from Latvís et al. When slots 44, 47 or 49 are used as the slot of claim 1 and the two notches of claim 1, it is impossible that the two notches can be positioned above the at least one slot. For this additional reason, it is submitted that claim 3 includes allowable subject matter over the applied references.

Applicant would also like to highlight the limitations of dependent **claims 4-6**. Dependent claim 4 calls for a door slidable along the at least one slot to a first hook removal position wherein a second hook of the at least two hooks is aligned with a second notch of the notches and is removable from the at least one slot by passing through the second notch. Dependent claim 5 calls for a first hook of the at least two hooks to not be aligned with a first notch of the two notches and not be removable from the at least one slot when a door is in the first hook removal position. Claim 6 calls for

the door to be slidable along the slot to a second hook removal position wherein a first hook of the two hooks is aligned with a first notch of the two notches and is removable from the at least one slot by passing through the first notch. Latvis et al. does not appear to disclose an arrangement as called for in each of claims 4, 5 and 6. There is no disclosure of a door that is slidable along at least one slot to a position wherein a hook is aligned with a notch and, certainly, no disclosure of a first hook not being aligned with a first notch of the two notches and not removable from the at least one slot when the door is in the first hook removal position, as called for in claim 5. For at least these reasons, it is further submitted that dependent claims 4-6 each include allowable subject matter over the applied references.

The limitations of dependent **claims 7-9** appear to have been completely ignored. In particular, these claims do not appear to have been addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action to which this paper is responsive. Accordingly, examination of claims 7, 8 and 9 is respectfully requested, including, if their respective rejections are maintained, a detailed explanation of how the limitation of each of these dependence claims are met by the applied references.

Applicant notes that the Examiner did indicate that Latvis et al. disclosed a sealing gasket 70 that the Examiner appears to be asserting as a "protector". However, **claim 8** calls for a track member to include a protector along an edge defining the at least one slot for engaging the two hooks. No such protector is disclosed or fairly suggested in Latvis et al. The sealing gasket 70 of Latvis et al. is not along an edge defining the at least one slot so that it can engage two hooks.

Claim 10 calls for a side door assembly to include a hanger member, first and second hooks having first ends hooked onto the hanger member and opposite ends connected to a door thereby hanging the door from the hanger member. Claim 10 also calls for the hooks to be slidable on the hanger member to move the door between an open position and a closed position. Still further, claim 10 calls for the first hook to be removable from the hanger member only when the door is moved to a first hook removal position and the second hook to be removable from the hanger member only when the door is moved to a second hook removal position which is spaced apart from the first hook removal position. It is unclear to Applicant how these limitations are met by the applied references. Moreover, the Examiner has failed to specifically address each of these limitations.

For example, there is no disclosure of hooks hanging a door from a hanger member. Even if Radtke discloses hooks and is assumed to be combinable with Latvī et al., the hooks do not hang a door from a hanger member. Moreover, the hooks are not slidable on a hanger member to move the door between an open position and a closed position. Still further, there is absolutely no disclosure of a first hook being removable from the hanger member only when the door is moved to a first hook removal position and a second hook being removable from the hanger member only when the door is moved to a second hook removal position which is spaced apart from the first hook removal position. For at least reasons, it is submitted that claim 10 and claims 11-14 dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 calls for a track member to define at least one slot, first and second hooks having hooked ends received in the slot, and first and second notches defined in the track member. As already discussed, the Applicant challenges the Examiner's assertion that Latvī et al. discloses both at least one slot and first and second notches.

Moreover, claim 15 calls for the first notch to be adjacent the at least one slot for allowing the first hook to be disconnected from the track member when the door is moved along the track member to a position wherein the first hook is aligned with the first notch. Claim 15 calls for the second notch to be adjacent the at least one slot for allowing the second hook to be disconnected from the track member when the door is moved along the track member to a position wherein the second hook is aligned with the second notch. Further, claim 15 calls for the locations of the first and second notches to prevent the first and second hooks from being simultaneously aligned with the first and second notches. These limitations are entirely missing from Latvī et al.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 15 and claims 16-20 dependent therefrom are in condition for allowance.

Claim 21 calls for a door slidably movable along a track member. Further, claim 21 calls for first and second hooks to carry the door that are spaced apart from one another a first distance. First and second notches are also called for in claim 21 that define a track member and are spaced apart a second distance. The first notch is required by claim 21 to be appropriately sized to allow the first hook to be selectively detached from the track member and the second notch to be appropriately sized to allow the second hook to be selectively detached from the track member. The second distance is claimed as being unequal to the first distance to prevent simultaneous detachment of the first and second hooks from the track member. As discussed at

length with respect to the other independent claims, Applicant respectfully asserts that Latvis et al., along with Radtke, fails to disclose such a door assembly as called for in claim 21. There is no disclosure of a door slidably removable. Moreover, there is no disclosure of notches as called for in claim 21.

Accordingly, for at least reasons, it is asserted that claim 21 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

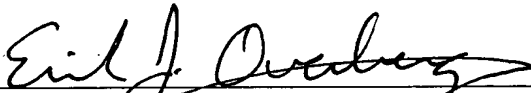
All formal and informal matters having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. It is believed that the claim changes clearly place the application in condition for allowance, defining over any fair teaching attributable to the references of record. Alternatively, if the Examiner is of the view that the application is not in clear condition for allowance, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned for purposes of conducting a telephone interview to resolve any outstanding differences. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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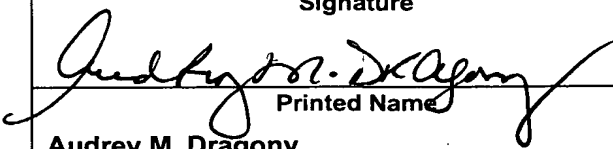

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